

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

TERESA ALTHOFF,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
vs.	)	Civil No. 14-CV-00131-SMY-PMF
	)	
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
SCOTT BRANNAN, M.D.,	)	
CAPE RADIOLOGY GROUP, P.C., and	)	
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS HOSPITAL	)	
SERVICES d/b/a MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	)	
OF CARBONDALE, a corporation,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

**DEFENDANT UNITED STATES OF AMERICA’S RESPONSE TO CO-DEFENDANT  
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS HOSPITAL SERVICES’ MOTION TO VOLUNTARILY  
DISMISS ITS CROSSCLAIMS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES (Doc. 96)**

NOW COMES Defendant United States of America (“United States”), by and through its attorneys, Stephen R. Wigginton, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, and David J. Pfeffer, Assistant United States Attorney, and states as follows for its Response to Co-Defendant Southern Illinois Hospital Services’ (“SIHS”) “Motion for Voluntary Dismissal of Crossclaim for Indemnification and Crossclaim for Contribution Against the United States of America” (Doc. 96):

1. On March 23, 2015, SIHS moved for voluntary dismissal of its cross-claims for indemnification and contribution against Defendant United States (Doc. 96).
2. As the United States has answered Co-Defendant SIHS’s cross-claims (*see* Doc. 83), voluntary dismissal may be effected by way of a signed stipulation or by Court order. *See* Fed.R.Civ.P. 41(a) & (c).

3. Defendant United States has no objection to Co-Defendant SIHS's motion to voluntarily dismiss its cross-claims for indemnification and contribution against the United States (Doc. 96).

4. Assuming that said motion is granted, Defendant United States has no objection to SIHS's motions to voluntarily dismiss its cross-claims against Co-Defendants Brannan and Cape Radiology (*see* Docs. 94 & 95).

5. It should also be noted that Defendant United States has no pending cross-claims against SIHS (*see* Doc. 97 at ¶ 5).

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of March 2015,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on March 24, 2015, I electronically filed the foregoing

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